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Meeting with General HEUSINGER
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1. Prior to General HEUSINGER's one-month vacation in Normandy he expressed the desire for a visit by [] and []. We spent the weekend of 22 and 23 July with him in the Bonn area, accompanied by Mrs. HEUSINGER and the wife of []. Our visit included dinner with the HEUSINGERS, sight-seeing trips in the area and culminated in climbing down the Drachenfels.

2. The pressure of remilitarisation planning during the last few months, plus his recent very fast visit to the States, have had a very marked physical effect on HEUSINGER. Never has anyone looked more like he was entitled to a longer vacation. He was certainly not his talkative self. In our opinion, however, the visit was well worth while.

3. Considerable time was spent discussing HEUSINGER's trip to the States. He related that he went on behalf of UPTHEUST who originally wanted to keep it top secret. A compromise was reached, however, and limited publicity was agreed to as it appeared in the press. HEUSINGER emphasized that he had to complete his trip prior to the Geneva Conference and implied he had a political as well as a military mission. No further mention was made of this particular aspect of his trip or any other except that position dealing with intelligence matters as related in FULL-1383. In addition: Now that HEUSINGER is "in" he is perhaps a little less inclined to talk in detail and substance about the matters of interest to us. This is only an off-hand impression. It may well be that he was so mentally fatigued he would not warm up to a detailed discussion. He conferred with Admiral RADFORD and General TAYLOR on the matter of the neutralist group concepts and the Adalbert WEINSTEIN type of propaganda. HEUSINGER sees this as a very confused issue which he estimates will have some momentary success. This will disappear, however, as the Defense Ministry begins to function. General TRUDEAU reportedly stated he doesn't want his intelligence staff to liaise with ZIPPER. They want to exchange intelligence with German defense. HEUSINGER informed TRUDEAU that German G-2 staffs will not have any collection responsibility; their small intelligence staff to be integrated into URSWING, etc. Because of the difference of views, no conclusions were reached and HEUSINGER feels TRUDEAU was not too happy with him. HEUSINGER also stated it is quite apparent to him that TRUDEAU is no friend of KUBARK or UPSWING. Incidentally, HEUSINGER stated that UPTHEUST briefed him on all aspects of the latter's confrontation during his last visit to Washington, as outlined in BOMH-2612.

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4. ~~Source's~~ ~~copy~~ of our discussion centered around the visit of Truman Smith. All subsequent portions were reported in PULL-1383.

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5. The following serve as highlights of HEUSINGER's statements and views involving the Defense establishment, its intelligence and ZIPPER:

a. NSC Structure - still very much an unresolved problem at this time and complicated through the personal ambitions of Minister STRAUSS. The present volunteer legislation expires in March of 1956 and by that time HEUSINGER feels the NSC issue will be solved.

b. Command - a point under serious debate and clearly a political issue is the command VS Chief of Staff concept to be employed in the German defense establishment. For the initial period the politicians are apparently winning out and establishing HEUSINGER as Chief of Staff of the Combined Forces. General ONUEWELL is unlikely to play a role. There will be no commander senior to HEUSINGER and consequently no strong chain of command. In this connection another unresolved problem is determining to whom a corps commander should be subordinate during peace time - i.e., Defense Minister or Chief of Staff. HEUSINGER's deputy is Maj. Gen. LEGLER and his Chief of Staff is Colonel PETT.

c. Attache System - has undergone a major reorganization. Military Attaches are a responsibility of G-3 rather than G-2; they will not be free agents abroad as previously; Attaches must be junior in age and rank to the Ambassador; Attaches are permitted no communication channel of their own; all dispatches, cables, etc., must be acknowledged and initialled by the Ambassador. If the latter dissents he is obliged to send a report forward with his dissenting remarks; two copies are made of Attache reports, one goes immediately to the Foreign Office. (MERKER is certainly gnashing his teeth). HEUSINGER requires three Attaches immediately - one each for Washington, London and Ankara. MERKER does not come into consideration for an Attache position in view of high rank, according to HEUSINGER.

d. Intelligence - A combined Army-Navy-Air G-2 group will be established at Defense Department level. Army will furnish the senior man. GSWORDMANN has been mentioned as possibly heading this position. HEUSINGER has discussed with UTILITY his requirement for three G-2 officers and has asked for recommendations. One G-2 for Defense, one for G-2 staff SHAPE; one for G-2 staff Forces Central Europe (JUIH).

e. ZIPPER - HEUSINGER mentioned that ZIPPER has not squarely faced up to the problem of how they plan on absorbing or integrating the number of high ranking generals into UPSWING. He views this as a very serious difficulty confronting ZIPPER and sees no solution in many cases other than dropping a number of these senior types. Among others he mentioned OVIERSEN, GKOENIG, MERKER and GWOLLMAN. HEUSINGER is equally convinced that UTILITY will never be able to obtain enough senior civil service (Beamter) slots to take care of the old war horses.

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